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Mr. Vojin Janjic
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Dear Mr. Janjic,

This letter is provided in response to TDEC's letter dated February 22, 2012. The University is continuing in discussions with the City of Knoxville regarding the possibility of becoming a co-permittee under the City's Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer ("MS4") permit. Negotiating the specific details of such an agreement is a time intensive process that requires significant business and legal considerations by both parties. Accordingly, while we hope to reach a final conclusion soon on the feasibility of co-permitting, we cannot confirm at this time whether the parties will reach an agreement in this regard.

We can confirm that it is the University's intent to co-permit with the City, provided the parties resolve all operational and legal concerns and the appropriate City officials approve co-permitting. Toward that end, representatives of both parties, including legal counsel, will be meeting during the week of March 12 to continue these discussions. The University will provide a more definitive response to TDEC as soon as possible.

Please advise if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Dave Irvin

Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Services

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